

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0007], which begins on page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0007] In one general respect, the present invention is directed to a method of sending an electronic communication from a first terminal to a second terminal via one or more hosts.

According to one embodiment, the method includes sending a query for [an] a first address for a first host to a first domain name server[, the first domain name server having a domain name].

The method also includes sending a query for [the] a second address for the first host to a second domain name server when the first domain name server does not resolve the first address,

wherein the second address for the first host at the second domain name server [having a domain name including an] is a hierarchical extension of the first address[, wherein the extension

includes the domain name of the first domain name server]. In addition, the method includes resolving the second address at the [secondary] second domain server.--